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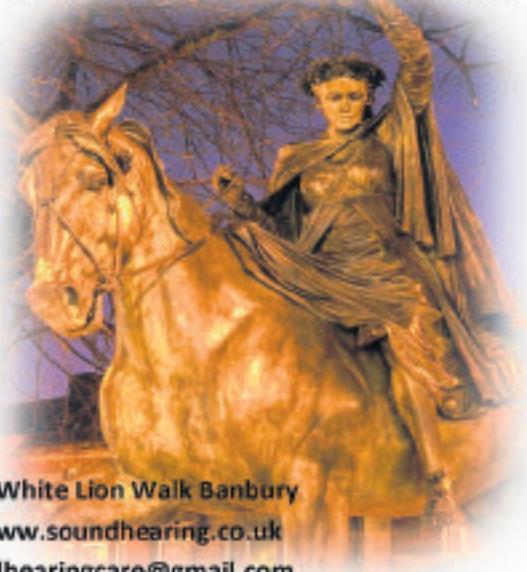
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Men arrested
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Acting Chief Inspector Helen Roberts, who is based at Banbury Police Station

SIX HELD IN DAWN RAIDS

SIX men were arrested on Tuesday following a police investigation into child sex exploitation.

About 45 officers took part in the 6am raids and the men – aged between 18 and 21 – were held on suspicion of sex crimes.

They are suspected of committing crimes against three girls, aged between 13 and 16, in the Banbury area between 2011 and this year.

Deputy local policing area commander for Cherwell and West Oxfordshire, Acting Chief Insp Helen Roberts, said: "The warrants executed were the direct result of work by the Kingfisher team.

"Child sexual exploitation will not be tolerated in the Thames Valley and this dedicated team track offenders down to bring them to justice.

"We hope the operation not only offers protection to these victims but also any others who we are encouraging to come forward. We will work with our partner agencies to offer them all the support they need as we carry out the investigation."

The Kingfisher team was set up in November 2012 to tackle child sexual exploitation. This is the first time multiple

By Damian Fantato

arrests have been made as a result of its work. The team is made up of around 20, comprising staff from Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire County Council and the health sector.

Acting Chief Insp Helen Roberts added: "I understand this week's events will have an impact on the local community and people will rightly be concerned about the nature of these arrests.

"Our neighbourhood policing teams are carrying out patrols in the area and will be doing their best to answer any questions, so please do not hesitate to approach them.

"If anyone has any concerns about offences relating to child sex exploitation, especially if they are a victim or know someone who may be, we urge them to contact us on our 24-hour hotline number, 101, and ask to speak to the Kingfisher Team."

Jim Leivers, director of children, education and families at Oxfordshire County Council, said: "These arrests are the result of social workers, health professionals and the police working closely together to

tackle child sexual exploitation in Oxfordshire.

"The arrests relate to the abuse of vulnerable young people who had told social workers that they were being sexually exploited.

"They were referred to Kingfisher as soon as their suspected involvement in child sexual exploitation came to light, and we have been supporting them since then."

Those arrested include two 20-year-old men, a 19-year-old man, two 21-year-old men and an 18-year-old man.

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Temporary classrooms to be replaced a special school New teaching block gets the go-ahead



Frank Wise School headteacher Sean O'Sullivan
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A SCHOOL has got the go-ahead to build a new teaching block on its site to move its older pupils out of temporary classrooms.

Frank Wise School, in Hornbeam Close, Banbury, had applied to build the two-storey classrooms.

The plan was backed by Oxfordshire County Council planners on Monday but Cherwell District Council had objected to the special school's scheme.

It said the design did not conserve the school's Victorian building – Wood Green Villa – and could "harm" its significance.

Headteacher Sean O'Sullivan said it was important for the pupils' learning that they had a permanent site to be taught in.

The school teaches pupils with special educational needs from across the Banbury area.

Mr O'Sullivan said: "We are aware there were concerns from the residents nearby about the impact it would have on traffic in the area, but we feel we have been able to address these concerns in our design and it will now ultimately reduce pressure on the cul-de-sac where we are based."

The building will create an extra 11 parking spaces on the site.

By Sophie Scott

The current temporary classrooms were put up seven years ago. Mr O'Sullivan said the buildings were only originally meant to stay for two years.

He added: "Those buildings are absolutely dire.

"We have had them for longer than we originally thought and that is to do with budgets."

"We feel the building design we have put forward is suited to the area.

"We cannot 'recreate' a Victorian building like Wood Green Villa but we feel we have got a design here which is sympathetic with the style.

"It also stands on its own accord but does not change the overall feel of the school.

"It is also very eco-friendly. All of this will be of so much benefit to our older pupils."

Cherwell District Council objected, saying: "The proposed building would, by reason of its siting, scale and design, fail to conserve or enhance a non-designated heritage asset, Wood Green Villa, and its setting resulting in harm to its significance."



Film producer/director Tony Jopia, who is preparing to start filming his Zombie movie, *Apocalypse* OX68041

Film-maker offers the chance to become a zombie

BANBURY will be infested with zombies this summer – as the town becomes the home to a new horror film, *Apocalypse*.

Film-maker Tony Jopia is setting his next film in the Cherwell community and has invited residents to become the "undead" for a day.

He said: "We're inviting people to come and be a part of the filming experience. We're keeping it quite local.

"Anybody can be a zombie, so long as they can play it and don't get shy at the last minute.

"We want local residents to get involved."

Mr Jopia, and his team from Jopia Productions, are hoping *Apocalypse* will please horror fans.

The Deddington resident said: "The big difference between this and other zombie movies is that this new film has been created with zombie fans involved.

"We spoke to a lot of zombie fanatics and celebrities and we had zombie fans helping us to write the screenplay.

"We think we're doing a film that's not only a film for fans, but by fans.

"We'll be using cinematic shock techniques, embracing where other films have got it right, along with our new ideas."

The film will see a virus being released in Banbury which raises the dead and triggers a world-wide apocalypse.

Mr Jopia said: "It's set in Banbury because I wanted a suburb-type feel.

"We're an Oxfordshire-based company and we've been working with local talent for the last four or five years. We've worked in Deddington and Chipping Norton before.

"There's such a lot of talent out there. It's celebrating with the area. We're putting Banbury on the map."

Line producer Jeremy Stephens said: "We're bringing some of the local

By Alex Wynick

businesses in on production and spending the money making the film here so it benefits everybody.

"We will be building a set here, and we'll film in Banbury itself as part of the film location and have other places around this area. It's an ideal place to be.

"It's got all the facilities we need here. The people here are great and Banbury Town Council has been more than helpful. Council officials really have gone out of their way to make our lives easier."

Kieron Mallon, leader of Banbury Town Council, said: "Companies like this, which use Banbury for its productions, can only be good for the town's economy.

"Anything that might boost the town's tourist trade and attract more visitors and shoppers should be welcomed.

"Banbury has a long history of being used as the setting for films and TV productions and so we wish every success to anything that shows the town in a good light."

Filming will begin in August, with several open days for residents wanting to play a role.

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Tribute charity to be wound up as it hits target



Stepfather Gary Creese, sister Hattie, and mother Maggi, are pictured at the Chipping Norton Lido – one of the causes to benefit from Emma's Trust OX68069

A CHARITY, which has raised almost £100,000 in memory of a teenager who died eight years ago, is set to close on the tenth anniversary of her death.

Emma Curtis-Smith, from Chipping Norton, died in 2005 after suffering from a heart attack, brought on by a collapsed lung.

The teenager collapsed on June 21, 2005, while watching boyfriend Aaron Brannigan on his first Trooping of the Colour at Sandhurst's Royal Military Academy.

Asthma sufferer Emma was rushed to Surrey's Frimley Park Hospital where she was resuscitated but died three days later.

In the wake of her death, her family launched Emma's Trust and have worked tirelessly to raise

money in her memory.

But after awarding more than £95,000 to causes across Oxfordshire, Warwickshire and Gloucestershire, the family have decided to bring their work to a close.

Stepfather Gary Creese, 54, who married Emma's mother, Maggi, now 64, said: "Emma was an extraordinary young lady. A very positive person. She was somebody who would have gone on to great things."

"It has been really hard work. After ten years we think we have probably exhausted everybody's energy and everybody's goodwill."

"We think that we have probably done as much as we can – and far more than we thought possible."

"We have had a real core of

support from the Chipping Norton community. They have been brilliant in rallying to support us."

"It is humbling and I am proud that we have given all that money away. It's quite extraordinary."

Emma, who was a sports science student at Henley-in-Arden College, worked as a lifeguard at The Lido, in Fox Close, and also attended Chipping Norton School of Dance for more than ten years.

Her family decided the charity would support young people aged up to 21 involved with sports or performing arts. They have given money to a number of groups around the county, including The Lido.

Before the trust comes to a close, the family plans to continue fundraising to reach their £100k target.

InBRIEF

Coroner tells of M-way death

■ YOUNG mother Joanna Bull died of multiple injuries after a collision on the M40 two weeks ago, a coroner has said. Mrs Bull, 29, from Warwickshire, died after the Peugeot she was driving was involved in an accident with a lorry, said Oxfordshire coroner Darren Salter. She was driving south when the collision happened between Junctions Nine and Ten at Wendlebury. Her five-week-old baby, Ruby, who survived the crash, was airlifted to the John Radcliffe Hospital and was subsequently discharged. The inquest will resume on November 5.

Fun on offer

■ PARENTS can now sign up children, aged between five and 15, to Cherwell District Council's summer hubs. The events will run from Monday, July 28, until Friday, August 29, during the week and will host activities like arts, dance, archery and trampolining. They will be open at the North Oxfordshire Academy, Banbury, The Warriner School, Bloxham and Cooper School, Bicester. Sessions will cost £12.95 for a standard session, from 8.45am to 3pm, or £16.95 for an extended session which runs from 8.45am to 5pm. For more information or to book, see: cherwell.gov.uk/holidayactivities or call 01295 221803.

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■ Trams and monorail dismissed in favour of buses running on time

Hudspeth launches a new transport debate

TRAMS and a monorail were put forward as the possible future of Banbury's public transport systems at a public meeting on Monday.

At the first of a series of meetings for Connecting Oxfordshire, which is to explore the transport challenges up to and beyond 2020, Oxfordshire County Council leader Ian Hudspeth asked local people what they wanted to see.

During a 25-minute presentation Mr Hudspeth put forward the ideas of monorails, trams and "driverless pods"

By Helen Wright

in Banbury. He stressed the importance of developing new transport links.

He said: "To do nothing is not an option. We want to move forward and look to the future."

However, Banbury's residents did not seem too impressed with the proposed plans.

At a question-and-answer session, many people said they would like to

see a new bus station built. One resident branded the current building "a disgrace".

Another, from Deddington Parish Council, said she would like to see a bus service that ran on time. Questions of where new funding would come from were also raised.

Mr Hudspeth said money would be raised from housing development contributions and by applying for Government funding.

Mary Groves from Bloxham Parish Council, labelled the meeting "a little

bit self congratulating". She said: "They were not thinking about real life. We want deeds not words."

Fellow parish councillor Jenny Yates said: "I would like to see the cake when it's baked."

After the meeting, Mr Hudspeth said: "The monorail suggestion was to make people think differently. It is to try to launch a debate."

"I thought there were lots of positive contributions. This is all to gather ideas to find out what people want to see."

"I want to stimulate that debate."



Thirty-home estate approved by district planners

PLANS for 31 homes in Adderbury were approved by councillors in a bid to help meet Government house-building targets.

Cherwell District Council's planning committee approved the Banner Homes Midlands Ltd scheme last Thursday,

which involves land north of Milton Road.

Two-, three- and four-bedroomed homes are planned, 11 of which will be classed as affordable.

Cherwell planning chief Michael Gibbard said the council had enough

homes planned to meet demand for the next five years – a key Government demand.

But he added: "In the absence of sufficient planning policy reasons for refusal, members had to concede that this development be allowed."

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ABOVE LEFT: The Kings Stone ABOVE RIGHT: Stacey Rainbow greets the dawn BELOW LEFT: The stone circle after sunrise RIGHT: Camera at the ready for the summer solstice
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DRUIDS and pagans celebrated the summer solstice by watching the sun rise over Oxfordshire's ancient Rollright Stones.

Sue Small, 67, pictured left, was among those who visited the Neolithic stone circle, in Little Rollright, near Chipping Norton, at around 4.30am on Saturday – the longest day of the year.

She said: "It was an absolutely beautiful sunrise."

InBRIEF

Broadband to get a boost

■ **SUPERFAST** broadband access across 95 per cent of the Cherwell district is set to become a reality after councillors awarded £500,000 to the cause. On Monday Cherwell councillors at an executive committee backed a recommendation to invest money from the district council's New Homes Bonus scheme. Ken Atack, Cherwell's finance chief, said: "It's a boon, not only to our residents, but also to our business community – and in an ever increasingly competitive environment we want to help Cherwell continue to thrive economically."

Call for views on ambulance

■ THE county's ambulance service is seeking views on how it is performing. The South Central Ambulance Service online survey takes about ten minutes to complete and can be found at surveymonkey.com/s/7TN6FWY. The survey closes on Monday, July 7. For information, contact getinvolved@scas.nhs.uk or call 01869 365126.

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InBRIEF**Cash boost for crime charities**

FIVE Oxfordshire charities – including Banbury-based Sunrise Multicultural – have been given more than £145,000 in funding to help develop services for victims of crime. The other charities include: Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre, Refugee Resource, Reducing the Risk and Circles South East in Didcot. The money was awarded by the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner, Andrew Stansfeld, from the victims of crime and restorative justice grant. Mr Stansfeld said: "This has been an important first step in the process of identifying where there are gaps in services to support victims of crime."

Raiders hunted

BURGLARS who broke into a property in Warwick Road, Banbury, and searched it, didn't steal anything. The raid happened between 6pm and 7pm on Saturday. Det Con Stephen Perry, from Banbury police station, said: "We are appealing for witnesses as it happened in broad daylight and Warwick Road is usually extremely busy." Contact him on 101 police hotline or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Merger debate

PLANS to merge county council services with other local authorities were discussed at a meeting on Monday evening. The proposals to create a joint legal service with Stratford-upon-Avon District Council and South Northamptonshire were discussed at an executive Cherwell District Council meeting. Reporting restrictions meant neither the press nor the general public could hear the proposals put forward by councillors.

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LEFT:
Keeping the sun off during Chipping Norton Town Festival are sisters Bronagh and Abigail Sheehy



RIGHT:
members of the Voicebox Choir entertain the crowds

Town gets that festive feel

FROM heavy metal to folk and opera, music fans in Chipping Norton were treated to an eclectic mix of music on Sunday.

More than 2,000 people turned out for the Chipping Norton Town Festival, where local bands and singing groups performed in the Market Place.

Among them were heavy metal act The Reaper, folk outfit FiddleBop, the 15-strong choir Voicebox and Chipping Norton Amateur Operatic Society.

Visitors also enjoyed fairground rides, a hog roast and went shopping around a host of stalls.

The event was organised by Chipping Norton Rotary Club to raise funds for local charities.

Organising committee chairman Martin Jarratt said: "We had an excellent day and there was a good crowd. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

"There were all sorts of music, which gave it variety

and meant there was something for younger as well as older people."

Chipping Norton resident Neil Taylor went to the festival with his wife, Charlotte, and children Rylan, three, and Ethan, one.

He said: "It was lovely to see so many people there. And, from what I heard, the music was really good."

Rylan added: "The best bit was the candyfloss and I loved going on the fairground rides."



ABOVE: Nineteen-year-old Jasmine Faulkner, from Hook Norton, hits the high notes at Chipping Norton Town Festival
LEFT: Crowds soak up the atmosphere

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Plan for gateway site

By Helen Wright

AN historic employment site, which played a key part in making aluminium during the Second World War, could be turned into a distribution centre.

Cherwell District Council agreed to Standard Life Investment's plans to convert the former Alocoa Europe site, in Southam Road, Banbury, into a distribution centre.

It will be used by The Entertainer toyshop chain.

The building has been empty since 2008, when SAPA Profiles UK announced it was going to concentrate its aluminium

Distribution HQ jobs hope

production at its other UK sites.

A Standard Life Investments spokesman said: "We're delighted that planning permission has been approved for this development. It is a further step toward creating more jobs for Banbury."

Michael Gibbard, Cherwell's planning chief, said: "We are eager for this prominent employment site to be fulfilling its purpose and as such we need to be flexible with how it is used."

"We believe that a distribution building on the site is acceptable and will help to bring this brownfield site into economically beneficial use."

"Not only will this secure jobs for Banbury, it will improve the appearance of this vacant site in a gateway location at the town's northern entry point."

The plans include offices, car parking for 140 vehicles and a service yard. A new access path will be created from Noral Way.

Rob Kichin-Smith, chairman of Banbury Civic Society, said: "We had hoped with the development space being assigned at Junction 11 that the site could be safe guarded for high skills or high employment work. But it is better than leaving it to stand empty. If we get 120 new jobs then that is good news."

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■ Government payout too little to repair damaged county roads

Potholes money is just 'a drop in the ocean'

A CASH boost of more than £3m to fix Oxfordshire's potholes has been called "a drop in the ocean" as the county battles to repair its battered roads.

The county council's leader, Ian Hudspeth, said that while they were grateful for the Government money, it isn't enough to provide a long-term solution.

He said: "This funding gives us the opportunity to do more patching



Ian Hudspeth

By Damian Halliwell

rather than just filling in individual potholes, which means getting larger areas filled in.

"We would like to get enough funding to rebuild all the roads, because some of them are historic and have been laid without proper foundations. It is this that causes the potholes in the first place.

"This money means we can repair more potholes across the county, but we are going to work with the Government to try to get additional cash to do more work."

The announcement by the Department for Transport that Oxfordshire County Council would get £3.1m, is the second award after the winter floods. It follows £4.8m that was given in March as part of an emergency fund.

But Labour's civic transport spokesman John Sanders said: "Our roads have been allowed to deteriorate for decades. We need a much larger amount over many years to bring them back up to standard.

"Being able to fix a few extra potholes in Oxfordshire is

something we should obviously welcome, but this is just a drop in the ocean.

"The potholes are appearing faster than we can fix them. We need more money."

The Government has claimed the cash will help fix around 58,000 potholes and the funding brings a total awarded by it to the council since March up to just over £7.8m.

Last year the council fixed about 38,000 potholes.

The authority said it planned to spend £13.178m on carriageway schemes this year, as well as £4m on "reactive repairs".

But it follows a report in March, which revealed the county council faces a funding black hole of more than £160m needed to fix all the holes and defects in county roads.

Despite the large shortfall, Mr Hudspeth said the council was grateful for the funding and would put it "to the best use".

The council's officers will now decide where the money will be spent, with work likely to happen over the summer when the weather was dry.



Oxfordshire's Labour transport spokesman John Sanders

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Trombonist is 'just blown away' after being elected by Royal Society of Arts

A TROMBONIST and music teacher from Middleton Cheney has been elected as one of the youngest ever fellows of the Royal Society of Arts.

Kristopher Reeder, of Slade Leas, was awarded the title earlier this month for his hard work and dedication to music.

The 29-year-old is director of music at St Leonards Church, Banbury.

He said: "I was blown away when I found out



Trombonist Kristopher Reeder

and I still am. It is wonderful to be recognised."

The fellowship puts him in the company of Charles Dickens and Karl Marx.

He added: "It is an honour to be counted among them, and I think it is deserved.

"I am really pleased with it, I have done a lot of work over the last ten years."

Mr Reeder started his musical career 11 years ago when he was accepted into the Royal Academy of Music.

He has since travelled the world playing music and completed, what he said is, a world first for the trombone in field playing.

This means he records the sound in open spaces.

The father of two has also said he does work "that other people do not want to do" by trying to integrate more people.

He said: "I am trying to change the existing system, to make the world a better place.

"I always try to bring people together across racial groups.

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InBRIEF**Civic memorial fund**

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40-year-old club offers tea and tennis

A TRADITIONAL tea party will be held in Adderbury to celebrate 40 years of tennis at a club.

Banbury West End Tennis and Squash Club, in Chapel Lane, is marking four decades in Adderbury by throwing a party for all past and former members.

The occasion will also see a series of events over Saturday, June 28, and Sunday, June 29, coinciding

with the middle weekend of the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

There will be an open day on the Saturday, from 1pm to 5pm, with free junior coaching. This has been organised to support the Lawn Tennis Association's Great British Tennis Weekend event.

Then on Sunday, the club will run a Pro-Am Round Robin tournament and host the tea party. Club president Ray Armstrong said: "We are

really excited to be running an open day as part of the Great British Tennis Weekend."

"It's a great chance to try tennis at our club in Adderbury and find out what a great sport tennis is."

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Verdicts from magistrates' courts around the county



■ MARCIN MURAWSKI, 29, of Withycombe Drive, Banbury, admitted stealing £62.95 worth of food from Tesco Extra in Banbury on May 23. Given 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ ROBERT WARNE, 40, of no fixed abode, admitted harassing the subject of a restraining order by telephone at Boxhedge Road, Banbury, on May 19. Fined £100 and ordered to pay a £20 victims' surcharge.

■ RHYS SOUTHALL, 22, of Stroud Close, Banbury, admitted assaulting a woman by beating her at the Wheatsheaf pub in George Street, Banbury, on March 16. Given a 12-week prison sentence suspended for 12 months and ordered to have alcohol treatment for 12 months. Restraining order made against the victim, and ordered to pay a £60 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ LAURENCE SMITH, 20, of Church Lane, Shutford, admitted using threatening words of behaviour at Horse Fair, Banbury, on May 24. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ STEVEN JACKSON, 29, of Broughton Road, Banbury, admitted stealing chocolate worth £11.76 from Sainsbury's in Pioneer Square, Bure Place, Bicester, and resisting a police constable in the execution of his duty in Sheep Street, Bicester, on February 11. Fined £350 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ MICHAEL MEADOWS, 22, of Cromwell Road, Banbury, admitted stealing food worth £33.34 from Poundstretcher in Calthorpe Street, Banbury, on May 27. Also admitted committing a further offence while subject to a conditional discharge made by Banbury Magistrates' Court on May 2 for theft. Fined £75 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge.

■ KIRK MORTIMER, 26, of Quarry Road, Chadlington, admitted possessing cannabis, a Class-B drug, in Chipping

Norton, on March 3. Fined £120 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ LISA TERRY, 40, of Mackley Close, Deddington, admitted stealing men's clothing worth £141.50 from Marks & Spencer in Bridge Street, Banbury, on April 23. Also admitted failing to surrender to the custody of Banbury Magistrates' Court on May 30. Fined £150 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ ADAM BENNETT, 31, of no fixed address, admitted stealing sandwiches from One Stop Shop in Banbury on April 8 and failing to surrender to the custody of Banbury Magistrates' Court on May 12. Given a 14-day prison sentence because he was on bail for other matters at the time.

■ JAKE ORWA, 21, of Orchard Way, Banbury, admitted using threatening or abusive words or behaviour or disorderly behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress in George Street, Banbury, on May 26. Fined £35 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £45 costs.

■ JOSEPH SANTOS, 26, of West Street, Banbury, admitted possessing heroin, a Class-A drug, at Banbury Police Station, in Warwick Road, Banbury, on March 30. Fined £110 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £45 costs.

■ DANIEL HANWELL, 21, of no fixed address, admitted stealing DVDs worth £69 from Castle Quay shopping centre in Banbury on January 13. Also admitted failing to answer bail at Banbury Magistrates' Court on May 28. Fined £100 and ordered to pay a £20 victims' surcharge.

■ First consignment of waste is delivered as incinerator prepares for launch

Burner's test firing



ABOVE: Local councillor Catherine Fulljames
RIGHT: The Ardley incinerator

THE £200m burner built by waste firm Viridor has received its first delivery of rubbish – nine tonnes – so its equipment can be tested before it fires up for full-scale service.

The company, which won the Oxfordshire County Council contract to build and operate the controversial incinerator, said it will be fully operational this autumn.

Building work started in December 2011 and, once testing is complete, it will incinerate up to 300,000 tonnes of waste each year. Viridor has a 30-year contract to run the Ardley centre.

Viridor project director Edward Thomas said: "Construction of Ardley continues apace. We're delighted to be on schedule with our plans."

"Now that we've received the first waste delivery, we're beginning the commissioning phase to bring on line each of the remaining parts of the facility.

"In the autumn we will have a fully-operational facility, ready for 'business-as-usual' running.

"The end of the construction

By Sam McGregor

phase is in sight and it's an exciting time for us all as we begin to see the facility move into its next phase."

The facility has created 40 jobs.

One of the first things people will see in the coming weeks is a process called "steam blowing".

People living near the Ardley incinerator have been warned the procedure can be noisy. Steam blowing makes a loud rumbling noise and lasts for about 15 minutes. It is effectively clearing the pipes of dust or grit after building work to clean the system ready for the burner to be fired-up.

Depending on weather conditions, plumes of non-hazardous steam may linger, and nearby roads will be monitored.

But the journey to this point has not been an easy one.

There was fierce local opposition to the original plan, ending in a public inquiry and a High Court battle.

For Oxfordshire county councillor Catherine Fulljames,

who fought the burner, the battle continues. She warned traffic would be monitored to ensure the extra vehicles taking waste to the site do not affect Ardley villagers.

And she plans to launch a bid for compensation for residents who may be affected by the incinerator.

Mrs Fulljames, who last month celebrated 25 years as a county councillor, said: "We will be diligent about the transport movements.

"The whole thing won't be totally commissioned and fully running until September. That's when all the rubbish from the county – from far afield as Wantage, Burford, Faringdon and Didcot – will go to a waste transfer station and all that stuff will be transferred to a big bulker. This will then trundle across the county to the incinerator.

"What I would really like to do is get some sort of compensation for local people.

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ABOVE: Oxford Products, winner of the Owen Mumford Business of the Year Award

By Business editor Andrew Smith

BOSSES and workers at a motorcycle accessory firm were celebrating on Friday night after winning the Oxfordshire Business of the Year title.

Oxford Products claimed the overall title at the awards held at the Four Pillars Hotel, Sandford, while managing director Andrew Hammond was voted Business Person of the Year.

The awards followed the recent expansion of the firm, which last month saw Prime Minister David Cameron officially open its new 100,000 sq ft HQ in Witney.

Five-hundred people attended the glittering awards ceremony, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and is the highlight of the Oxfordshire business calendar.

The winners were:

- **Carter Jonas Export Award:** Oxford Cryosystems, Long Hanborough
- **Hays Customer Care Award:** Brethertons, Banbury
- **Heart FM Marketing Excellence Award:** Hook Norton Brewery for its Lion campaign
- **Oxfordshire Apprenticeship of the Year Award:** Airbus Helicopters, Oxford Airport, Kidlington
- **Shaw Gibbs Young Business Person of the Year:** Dave Fletcher, White October
- **Oxford Brookes University Innovation Award:** Adlens, Oxford
- **The Oxford Times Charity and Community Award:** Synolos, Witney
- **Ridgeway Digital Innovation Award:** Greenredeem, Benson
- **Four Pillars Cultural Events and Tourism Award:** Chipping Norton Literary Festival
- **Oxfordshire County Council Energy and Environment Award:** Bookpoint, Milton Park
- **Shaw Gibbs Business Person of the Year:** Andrew Hammond, Oxford Products, Witney
- **Oxfordshire LEP New Business Award:** Oxford Space Systems, Harwell
- **Milton Park Small Business Award:** Shawcity, Watchfield
- **NatWest Large Business Award:** Darke & Taylor, Kidlington
- **Blue Law by Darbys Employer of the Year Award:** Audley Travel, Witney
- **Owen Mumford Oxfordshire Business of the Year:** Oxford Products, Witney



ABOVE: Business Person of the Year, Andrew Hammond, collects his prize OX68016

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Police officer numbers falling but frontline is 'safe'

THE number of police officers working in Oxfordshire has fallen over the last two years.

But Thames Valley Police has said it has maintained the number of officers working on the "frontline".

Figures released by the force under

the Freedom of Information Act showed there were 1,467 officers and PCSOs in the county on March 31, 2012. But on March 31, 2014 there were 1,443 – a drop of 1.6 per cent.

The force has had to save £55m from its £386m annual budget due to

Government funding cuts. The number of inspectors went from 69 to 65 over the two dates, sergeants from 204 to 193, while constables rose from 991 to 995.

Chief Supt Richard Humphrey said: "The Chief Constable and local

Oxfordshire-based commanders remain committed to protecting the frontline so that our delivery of service remains at the highest possible level."

Latest figures show recorded crime is at its lowest in Oxfordshire for 15 years.

E-book gift to charities

A CHARITY worker has given away more than 200 copies of a book he wrote to help people raise money for good causes.

Andrew Willis, of Greenhill, Banbury, wrote and released his e-book *Funding Made Easy* online last year.

The 38-year-old has been volunteering and raising money for charities for more than ten years and decided to create the book to help others do the same.

Mr Willis, said: "I have managed to raise quite a lot of money over the years. I have always been successful in applying for grants and donations and I hope other people will be able to do the same."

"The charity I was working for at the time asked me to write it all down. Then I thought I should explain it some more – so I wrote the book."

"There is only so much I can do myself, so doing the book allowed me to help other people help charities."

By Helen Wright

Some of the charities he has donated his book to include Young Dementia, Find a Voice, Tiggies, Mind and Battersea Dogs Home.

Mr Willis is an advisor at Age UK Oxfordshire and said he was quite proud of writing the 44-page e-book, which is distributed to volunteers by charities.

He added: "I feel it is an achievement for me writing the book as I have dyslexia and dyspraxia."

"I gained the experience of doing these things and I wanted to help as many charities as possible by passing this information on."

He is a former winner of the Oxfordshire Volunteer Awards 2011 and finalist of the Midcounties Member of the Year 2011.



Andrew Willis, who has written an e-book and given it away free to charities to help them with their fundraising

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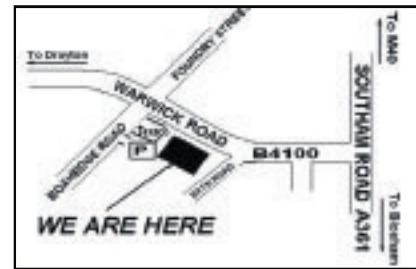
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Theatre sets itself a panto challenge



JUST when you thought it was safe to go out, Chipping Norton Theatre has pulled a fast one by introducing *Summer Panto Chaos* on July 5-6 – panto as you've never seen it before.

To help celebrate its 40th anniversary it seemed silly not to pay tribute to the genre that has been such a constant success for the Cotswold town.

So the theatre is undertaking its most suicidal feat of daring ever – to write, rehearse and perform a 60-minute-long pantomime within a single 48-hour period!

Snow White, Aladdin, Puss in Boots, Dick Whittington – all the great festive tales – will unite in a daft and desperately chaotic one-off celebration of all things panto.

With writers Ben Crocker and Simon Brett, composers Peter Ponzen and Rowan Talbot, a cast of nine including some of Chipping

By Katherine MacAlister

Norton's favourite panto faces, and a willing audience, whatever evolves is bound to be fun.

"Yes it will certainly have an energy of its own," said Ben Crocker, having written the past five Chippy Christmas pantos.

"But I'm not planning it yet. It would be wrong to come up with too strong an idea in advance. So it will be a challenge. It will be an event. And it will be fun."

Will the actors have lines?

"There will be a script of sorts, mainly pinned to the back of props I mainly pinned to the back of props I should think, but I expect a degree of ad-libbing will take place."

"No one can learn a whole show in 48 hours. It's impossible."

"But I have a good strong memory of the pantos I've adapted – *Dick Whittington, Beauty and The Beast,*

Ali Baba, Cinderella and Jack and The Beanstalk, so I might plagiarise myself."

Having worked in or with the Chippy Theatre since the 90s, Ben is also delighted to help celebrate its 40th birthday.

He said: "I've worked there for over half of Chippy Theatre's existence."

"With such a strong tradition of panto, it seems right to bring it all together, because the audience knows it is participatory giving it a slight edge, and know they have a role to play."

So what are the essentials?

"Tradition, surprises, a good roster of characters... but this one will certainly have its own dynamic."

● *Chippy's Summer Panto Chaos* runs on Saturday, July 5, at 4pm and 7pm and Sunday, July 6, at 2pm and 6pm. Call 01608 642350 or see chippingnortontheatre.com

Musical echoes of the past return

WHO could have predicted that a band that hit the top of the charts in 1961 with a song and style that were already 50 years out of date, would still be around in 2014, still revelling in the exuberant sound of 1920s jazz.

But the current line-up of The

Temperance Seven carry on the sound, the hilarious deadpan tomfoolery, and a somewhat sartorial elegance.

The band will appear at The Theatre, Chipping Norton, tomorrow at 7.45pm to play all their chart successes, notably with

You're Driving Me Crazy, Home in Pasadena and The Charleston!

Tickets, costing £16 for adults and £14 for concessions are available at the box office, 01608 642350, or see the theatre's website: chippingnortontheatre.com

LEFT: FLASHBACK to 2009 when Jessica Ellerby and Jason Langley starred in the panto *Dick Whittington*

RIGHT: Ben Crocker



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CATCH A FALLING STAR Caring, loving, loyal, 47 year old Buckingham female, 5'4", curly, brown eyes, enjoy going to pubs, dancing, music. WLTM a fit positive male, for companionship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 165815

ASK ME OUT! Easy-going, independent, 48 year old Luton female, blonde, blue eyes, love walks, pubs, meals out, positive people, cinema. WLTM a fit positive male, to get to know with views to start a relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 167026 or send a text to 80360

IT COULD BE US Spiritual, genuine Didcot woman, 48, attractive, fun, have grown up children, likes clubs, cafes, music, films, walking and reading, seeking a caring and optimistic man, for friendship first. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 123828 or send a text to 80360

WITH OR WITHOUT YOU Emotional, reliable and sensitive Witney girl, 48, 5'5", just looking to meet an independent, reflective gent, for fun and maybe a little romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 140276

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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU Friendly, kind and caring Bedford female, 54, attractive, 5'2", cuddly, enjoys, theatre, historical places, seaside and writing. Seeks an easy-going, Christian male, 45-56 for companionship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 169312 or send a text to 80360

BUBBLY WOMAN Bubbly, fun lady, 50, short hair, slim build, blue/green eyes, likes pubs, clubs and watching tv, enjoys gardening, bike riding, looking for a man to build friendships and love. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 152675

MEET AND GREET Slim, honest Milton Keynes female, 50, 5'3", enjoys keeping fit and all the normal things, searching for a decent, romantic man, to share loving times and future happiness. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172417 or send a text to 80360

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FEEL IT COMING NOW Down to earth Chesham female, 52, good sense of humour, seeking a male, 48-56, to share and enjoy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 160626

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ONE LOVE Warm-hearted, caring and selfless Aylesbury female, 52, 5'6", searching for an energetic, trustworthy male, good sense of humour a must, for friendship and romance. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 155653

START LIVING AGAIN Friendly, fun Oxfordshire divorced mum, 53, 5'7", grown up children, looking for love again and someone to share life with. Is the right man out there for me? Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171086 or send a text to 80360

A FUTURE FILLED WITH LAUGHTER Bubbly, caring Oxfordshire female, GSoh, searching for a genuine, nice, caring guy, also with a great sense of humour. 5'10"+, med build, for friendship and maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171628

START LIVING Independent, insightful and caring Aylesbury female, 54, searching for a calm, understanding male, to build a lasting, happy future with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 161079

ANYONE INTERESTING? Happy, 55 year old Luton female, widow, enjoys holidays and travel, cooking and entertaining. Would like to meet a happy, jolly male, with a good sense of humour, to enjoy evenings in and out. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 128289 or send a text to 80360

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COMPANY AND CONVERSATION Friendly, sincere, genuine, 64 year old Bedford female, widow, likes animals, gardening and walking. Would like to meet someone friendly, to go for a drink or a meal out with, company and friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171628

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TAKE A GAMBLE Active, outgoing, blue-eyed male, 41, 5'10", blond, non smoker, enjoys F1, football, film, heavy metal and more, searching for a lively, attractive, fun female, to start a lasting relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 172376 or send a text to 80360

MUCH MUCH MORE Bright, upbeat and happy Oxfordshire man, 41, with personality, would like a date with a bubbly, tender, warm-hearted girl, to share the good times and great company. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 171063 or send a text to 80360

EYE TO EYE Honest, caring, reliable, male, 54, interests are walking, countryside, coastal walks, animals, eating out, cosy nights in, F1, cooking, DIY, history, architecture, looking for a LTR. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 152776 or send a text to 80360

PERFECT HARMONY Fun-loving, easygoing and tactile Witney biker, 42, 6ft, stocky build, shaven head and goatee, would like to meet a fun-loving, cheeky lady, to share a happy life with. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 108035

ARE YOU MY KIND? Kind, caring, 42 year old Oxford male, 5'10", slim build, own car, likes meals out, music, the beach, cinema, pubs and travel. Seeking female between 20-40 for long-term relationship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 158142 or send a text to 80360

THE START OF SOMETHING NEW? Mature Oxford man, 55, 5'8", green eyes, N/S, likes music, walking and keeping fit, GSoh, would like to meet a nice, bright lady, for fun times and see where that leads to. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 12359 and enter box number 159314

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SHARING GOOD TIMES Upbeat Burford widower, 59, own cars, works full time, likes days in and out, countryside walks, driving, looking for a similar woman for companionship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 117916 or send a text to 80360

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LOVE TO HAVE A LAUGH Hardworking Oxford male, 51, 5'7", brown hair, own flat, likes socialising, cooking, nights in, seeks nice young lady for friendship leading more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156014 or send a text to 80360

LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH Friendly, warm-hearted Abingdon male, 52, good sense of humour, would like to meet a caring, well-matured girl, to enjoy good times together. Then if you're looking for true love, then get in touch. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156014 or send a text to 80360

KEEPING WITH THE TIMES Cheerful, slim Oxford male, 61, 5'6", slim build, likes gardening, cinema, meals out, travel, country side and 60s music, seeks genuine lady, for friendship maybe more. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156014 or send a text to 80360

LOCAL LADY? Polite, honest, genuine, 61 year old Wallingford male, 6ft, widow, wear glasses, like staying in, going out, movies and weekends away. Seeks a nice, honest female for company and friendship. Call 0905 005 2359 and enter box number 156014 or send a text to 80360

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Tears become a torrent in this polished romance

THE FAULT IN OUR STARS (12A, 126 mins)
Drama/Romance/Comedy. Shailene Woodley, Ansel Elgort, Nat Wolff, Laura Dern, Sam Trammell, Willem Dafoe, Lotte Verbeek. Director: Josh Boone.

Only a frozen heart could be unmoved as ET bids farewell to Elliot, Bambi cries forlornly in the forest for his fallen mother, or Carl falls in love with Ellie in the opening sequence to Pixar's *Up*.

The *Fault In Our Stars* will offer a stern test to the waterproof mascara of every teenager who fell in love with John Green's bestselling novel.

Josh Boone's polished adaptation deftly plucks heartstrings to the point that a trickle of saltwater tears threatens to become an unstoppable torrent.

One tissue simply doesn't suffice as scriptwriters Scott Neustadter and Michael H Weber navigate the tricky topic of terminal illness with wry humour and sensitivity.

The film is blessed with a tour-de-force central performance from Shailene Woodley as a young cancer patient, who experiences the exquisite agony of first love just when it seems she has given up on life.

The 22-year-old Californian actress doesn't hit a single false emotional note as her protagonist wrestles with guilt and mortality, catalysing smouldering screen

chemistry with co-star Ansel Elgort. Woodley plays 16-year-old Hazel Grace Lancaster, who was diagnosed with cancer at an early age and almost slipped away in hospital.

An experimental drug trial has halted the spread of the disease but Hazel is resigned to her grim fate.

"Depression's not a side-effect of cancer," she explains in voiceover, "it's a side-effect of dying – which is what's happening to me."

The teenager reluctantly attends a cancer patients' support group at the behest of her mother (Laura Dern).

During one session, Grace meets acerbic survivor Gus (Elgort), who lost his leg to halt the spread of his cancer.

He is attending the meeting to support best friend Isaac (Nat Wolff).

Grace and Gus's shared disdain for convention kindles friendship.

As the relationship intensifies, Hazel attempts to keep Gus at arm's length, warning that she "is a grenade", destined to obliterate everyone around her.

"It would be a privilege to have my heart broken by you," he counters tenderly.

The *Fault In Our Stars* is a beautifully-sketched portrait of adolescence, anchored by emotionally raw performances from the talented cast.

Dern impresses as a parent braced for the anguish of burying her child, while Willem Dafoe injects spikiness to the role of



Hazel's favourite author, who doesn't welcome fans with open arms.

Director Boone makes a couple of missteps, including a crudely engineered scene at Anne Frank's House in Amsterdam that feels wholly inappropriate.

However, once our tear ducts start leaking, we forgive him and the script an occasional faux pas.

A scene from *The Fault In Our Stars*, with Shailene Woodley, as Hazel, and Nat Wolff, as Isaac

Picture: PA Photo/Fox UK

CakeWhat's on

Music

SATURDAY: Sulgrave Manor, Manor Road, Sulgrave: The Birmingham Savoyards present The Gilbert and Sullivan Story. The story of their collaboration and excerpts from each of their operettas. 7.30pm. £15 available from Sulgrave Manor please call. 01295 760205.

Theatre

The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Spiceball Park Road, Banbury: Jun 26, The Neil Diamond Story. As Neil Diamond prepares to mark 50 years at the top of his profession, singer and guitarist Bob Drury, described as the UK's 'Voice of Neil', celebrates the life and work of this musical legend. 8pm. £13.

Jun 27, The Sounds of Simon. As seen on BBC *The One Show!* The Sounds of Simon is a tribute to the wonderful music of Simon and Garfunkel. Lose yourself to nostalgia as the full band play such classics as *Mrs Robinson*, *The Boxer*, *The Sounds of Silence* and *You Can Call Me Al* as well as

all the others that have established Paul Simon as one of the most successful songwriters of all time. 8pm. £14, concession £12. Box office: 01295 279002.

The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:

Jun 27, The Temperance Seven. Who could have predicted that a band, which hit the top of the charts in 1961 with a song and style that were already 50 years out of date, would still be around in 2014, still revelling in the exuberant sound of 1920s' jazz. The current lineup carry on the sound, the hilarious deadpan tomfoolery, and the sartorial elegance of The Temperance Seven. The band will play all their chart successes, notably with *You're Driving Me Crazy*, *Home in Pasadena* and *The Charleston!* 7.45pm. £16, concession £14. Box office: 01608 642350.

New Theatre, George Street, Oxford:

Until Jun 28, *Annie Get Your Gun*. Irving Berlin's classic musical starring Jason Donovan, Emma Williams and Norman Pace. 7.30pm, matinees Thu and Sat 2.30pm. £23.90-£46.40 + trans. fee. Box office: 01865 305305.

Jun 30-Jul 1, *Angelina Ballerina*. The Musical, full of singing and dancing. Mon 4.30pm, Tue 11am, 2, 4.30pm. £15.40 + trans. fee.

Oxford Playhouse, Beaumont Street, Oxford:

Until Jun 28, Noel Coward's *Tonight At 8.30*. Collection of nine one-act plays, from Vaudeville to satire, to melodrama and romance, they span the range of Coward's writing. Peep through your fingers at the chaotic *Red Peppers* music-hall show. Join Lady Gilpin for a soiree of mistaken identities in *Hands Across the Sea*. And break your heart along with Laura in the famous *Still Life*, the original version of the film *Brief Encounter*. Enjoy a trio any evening or see all nine on Saturday (£60). English touring Theatre. Thu 7.30pm, Sat 12pm: *We Were Dancing*, *The Astonished Heart*, *Red Peppers*. Wed 7.30pm, Fri 8pm, Sat 3.30pm: *Fumed Oak*, *Ways and Means*, *Still Life*. Thu 2.30pm, Sat 7.30pm: *Family Album*, *Hands Across The Sea*, *Shadow Play*. Tickets from £11 to £60. Box office: 01865 305305.

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D Harris c Zia b Shabbir	4
C Haupt lbw Gandam	41
N Hawkes b Malik	0
R West c Kazmi b Malik	10
E Phillips lbw Zia	0
L Ryan lbw Zia	0
A Blanchard b Zia	0
D Bartlett c Rehman b Gandam	6
O Wright c Zia b Nawaz	14
J Phillips not out	25
Extras	8
Total (all out 52 ovs)	112
Fall: 1-9, 2-17, 3-17, 4-39, 5-41, 6-41, 7-41, 8-56, 9-75.	
Bowling: Shabbir 5-2-20-1, Malik 10-4-21-3, Zia 14-6-32-3, Gandam 10-3-19-2, Ali 11-5-11-1, Nawaz 2-1-3-1.	
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R Rehman c West b Blanchard	14
F Raja c Haupt b Blanchard	0
H Gandam c Blanchard b J Phillips	12
Zia lbw J Phillips	46
T Kazmi c E Phillips b Ryan	0
S Javed not out	37
R Nadeem not out	4
Extras	3
Total (5 wkt, 25.1 ovs)	116
Fall: 1-9, 2-19, 3-55, 4-56, 5-100.	
Bowling: Bartlett 4-1-23-0, Blanchard 4-0-15-2, J Phillips 9-1-39-2, Ryan 6.1-0-23-1, West 2-0-16-0.	
● Burnham 25pts, Banbury 6	

Batting collapse led to first defeat



Banbury's Craig Haupt was the only team member who managed to stand firm, but was eventually out for 41

BURNHAM's Pakistan Twenty20 international all-rounder Awais Zia, who dismissed Ed Phillips, Luke Ryan and Ashley Blanchard all for ducks with his off-spin.

Watching this mayhem from the other end was Craig Haupt, who was eventually ninth out for 41, made off 87 balls.

A late flourish from skipper Jimmy Phillips took the total to 112 all out.

Blanchard gave Banbury hope by dismissing both Burnham openers cheaply.

But Zia, with 46 off 48 balls, and Sulaiman Javed (37no) sped the hosts to an easy victory in the 26th over.

HOW THEY STAND

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Division 1					
P	W	D	L	Ab	Bn
Burnham	7	4	0	1	2
Banbury	7	3	1	1	2
Tring Pk	7	3	1	2	3
Oxford	7	3	0	3	1
Slough	7	3	0	1	3
A Rowant	7	2	1	2	2
H Wycombe	7	2	1	1	3
*Henley	7	2	0	2	3
Gerrards X	7	1	0	5	1
Harefield	7	0	0	5	2

Division 2					
P	W	D	L	Ab	Bn
Reading	7	5	0	2	0
Horspath	7	3	0	2	15
Cove	7	2	0	1	3
Falkland	7	2	0	3	2
Shipton	7	2	0	3	17
Amersham	7	2	0	3	19
Dinton	7	2	0	2	76
Finchampstd	7	2	0	3	18
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ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

All of the hard work that you have put into making this a productive and creative time for you is about to pay off. Someone is trying to contact you with an offer which can take your life to a more interesting and financially rewarding place. Don't get involved in family arguments which aren't yours to sort this weekend. Ring now to hear why it's not worth the effort.

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TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Admitting where you went wrong in a relationship, even if you don't want to stay in it or go back into it can help you to clear the air and ensure you proceed into the future as a wiser and happier person than you were before. Animals are of special significance and could link you to a new friend or lover. Ring now my friend to hear why I'm so excited about your life in 2014.

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GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

Over recent days the Moon made it hard for you not to say things you shouldn't. Luckily for you, the stars now hand you the gift of the gab to smooth over any riffs and to right any wrongs. Don't wait any longer though. A certain persons patience seems to have worn very thin and time is of the essence. Ring now to hear why it's worth putting in overtime this week.

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CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Stop worrying about things which are not in your control. Instead, try to concentrate on what can be achieved. Important faces are watching you, once they see your abilities, will team up to tidy up the things you cannot manage on your own. First dates and reconciliations go well from Wednesday. Ring now to hear why it's worth preparing more for work and meetings this week.

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LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

It's vital that you show respect to those you work with this week. Even if they are in the wrong and you are in the right, you are still going to have to allow them to have their say. It's the only way you're going to gain the support of the many faces who are watching this spectacle which has been unravelling over the last few days. Ring now to hear how your ruling planet promises you seduction powers.

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VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

You need to really stand firm with your views over the coming days. If you are not careful, a close one is going to be able to convince you that you are wrong, even if you are right. Know your facts, learn them and have them at your fingertips. Your ruling planet Mercury sees you with the chance to take up an old skill to earn money and impress people. Ring now. Let's talk about your relationships.

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LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22

Is it sometimes better not to know Libra? You tell me. No question is so important to answer as the one to which the answer is obvious. You need more time to think about what your next move should be. You know big changes are ahead, so make sure you and not others are shaping them. Ring now to hear why I'm so glad that your hand has been forced this month.

LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

Money will be going out with great speed over the coming weeks, but, luckily for you, the stars show you are investing in a better future. Close ones may reject your ideas, but that's because you're telling them what to believe rather than offering them your plans for approval. Come on, you're a Scorpio. Seduce them with your dreams and they'll soon be on your side. Ring now to reveal all.

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SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

The success you seek will come, you just need to make smaller steps. You have been trying to run before you can walk. Remember, you're a fire sign and your first instinct is to jump, but it's tiny steps which will get you closer to your dream this month. Contacts you make socially will help you achieve this over the weekend. Ring now to hear how the Sun helps a broken relationship.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Something you wanted is almost yours, but for some reason it doesn't feel as great as you thought it would. I can see why, can you? You're allowing others to take your glory and to decide where things should now lead. This is your story and your show. Don't let others rain on your parade but stand up for yourself and dictate what happens next. Ring now to hear how you're more psychic now.

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Jan 20-Feb 18

Try not to bite at jealous comments which others are making. Rise above them. If you can focus on what you'd set for yourself for this week you'd soon see you have far more important people to communicate and deal with than those who actually have nothing better to do with their time. Ring now to hear why this is such a great week for doing lost possessions and forms you need.

PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

If you have to do a job you do not like this week, which the aspects suggest you will, then do it to the best of your ability. It is the only way you'll show those with the power how qualified and able you are to do what they've set before you. To throw a tamtam will be most counterproductive. Ring now to hear why I'm encouraging you to be more flirtatious this week.

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Small car punches above its weight

By David Duffy

It is not so long ago that if you wanted a little refreshing back-to-basics motoring all you had to do was jump behind the wheel of Hyundai's smallest car. Not any more.

Now even the i10 city car has put on airs and graces.

The latest version of the firm's best-selling model starts with the same price as the outgoing model, but levels of refinement, quality and safety have all been raised.

And a raft of new standard and optional equipment has been made available, some of which you would only expect to see on much larger luxury cars.

The original i10 has proved an instant hit in the UK with more than 110,000 sold since 2008 — a third of all European sales.

The new model, which is designed and engineered in Germany and built in Turkey, is likely to continue that sales success, particularly as its safety credentials are so high, with the standard fitment of a tyre pressure monitoring system, electronic stability control and six airbags.

Stand next to the new car and it is instantly obvious that it is longer, wider and lower than its predecessor, with a boost for both legroom and luggage carrying capacity.

It is also sleeker, which in turn helps to cut wind noise while improving fuel consumption.

Get behind the wheel and it is also equally obvious that improvements have been made throughout the cabin in reducing noise and vibration and that, in turn, makes for a more relaxing ride.

Power comes from a choice of two economical petrol engines.

The test model was fitted with a peppy 66 horsepower 1.0-litre, three-cylinder engine.

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Even with the 1.0-litre engine, the car happily zips along, with plenty of space for four adults and five at a pinch.

Trim level choice is also simple with a choice of three specifications, but none of them deserve to be

Auto facts

Model: Hyundai i10 1.0 SE + Connectivity Pack
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Luggage capacity: 8.9 cu ft
Fuel tank capacity: 8.8 gallons/40 litres
CO₂ emissions: 108g/km
Warranty: Five years/unlim mileage



UPMARKET OPTIONS: The i10 is available with cruise control, heated seats and Bluetooth link

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Trading standards news

Concern raised over part-worn tyre sales

SALES of part-worn tyres are about to hit the agenda again following a study from charity TyreSafe which found 98 per cent of potentially dangerous part-worn tyres were being sold illegally.

As a result, the organisation has stepped up to take part in the forthcoming trading standards conference at the end of June, after a successful trial last year. Running for three days from June 30 at the Harrogate International Centre, the event is the biggest gathering of trading standards officers and enforcement professionals in

the UK. With its main theme of 'changing behaviour', TyreSafe claims that it sees the event as "an ideal platform to continue its ongoing education and awareness activities designed to reduce the number of part-worn tyres being illegally sold in the UK".

TyreSafe will set up a stand at the conference explaining the dangers and legal pitfalls surrounding part-worn tyres, and why fitting them to any car could be a fatal error.

The police will get a talking to as well, with TyreSafe planning to explain a "robust" method of

checking the safety of part-worn rubber. Last year's conference was incredibly successful for TyreSafe and we are delighted to announce our return in 2014," said Stuart Jackson, chairman, TyreSafe.

"As a direct result of our participation in 2013, many trading standards offices around the UK carried out local investigations which have resulted in numerous education initiatives and even prosecutions and arrests of unscrupulous sellers.

"We look forward to developing this dialogue even further."

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■ BRITISH supercar maker Ariel has created a police-specification version of its new Atom 3.5 in order to support the Avon and Somerset Constabulary's Safer Rider campaign. The Atom PL1 has the same 350bhp supercharged 2.0-litre Honda engine, sequential gearbox as the regular car and a 0-60mph time of 2.5 seconds that can match most superbikes.

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